

## **RESIDENTIAL HABILITATION PILOT PROGRAM**

### **The Current Service Issue**

Many individuals reside in a Community Training Home II (CTH-II) instead of a Supervised Living Program II (SLP-II) where the staff ratio is 1 to 20 due to health and medical conditions or behaviors that require a staff member to be at a closer proximity. These individuals often have the skills to live more independently, but the limited fixed service models currently available result in a service gap so they have no viable option other than to reside in a more restrictive environment.

Other individuals need more staff due to the medical care that is needed and cannot be provided with the staff ratio of the SLP-II model. Individuals with uncontrolled blood pressure or diabetes who need to be monitored and who require more medications, treatments, doctor appointments, etc., are often placed in a CTH-II regardless of their independent living skills due to the lack of a suitable alternative.

### **The Pilot**

The Oconee DSN Board and Community Options are working in partnership with the South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs (DDSN) to continue serving individuals who need more care or supervision than an SLP-II, but less than a CTH-II. The pilot's program focuses on the following new residential habilitation support level for two groups of people:

1. Those currently living in CTH-IIs who are capable and desire more independence, but not to the degree that current funding allows for an SLP-II; and
2. Those currently living in SLP-IIs who need more care or supervision and support than funding allows, but not to the level of a CTH-II - lower needs residential.

### **The Pilot Monitoring**

DDSN District I, with support from DDSN Central Office, will monitor the implementation and ongoing operations of the pilot. Costs, effectiveness, consumer health and safety, effectiveness, and efficiency, as well as satisfaction of the consumers and their families. Key features of the pilot will be reviewed and the progress and satisfaction of the individuals will be reported.

### **The Pilot Evaluation**

Cost neutrality will be evaluated. DDSN will conduct an assessment of each consumer using a valid and reliable tool such as the Support Intensity Scale or the Health Risk Screening Tool.